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LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1997 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Enclosed please find the text of a note verbale dated 27 March 1997 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations, responding to the latter's note verbale dated 24 March 1997 regarding the incident of 20 March 1997.

I kindly request that the text of the note verbale be circulated as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Victor MARRERO

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 27 March 1997 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale No. 392MNU/5/CC of 24 March 1997 regarding an incident involving one of the Permanent Mission's vehicles on 20 March 1997.

When the United States Mission and the Office of Foreign Missions learned of the incident shortly after it occurred, immediate steps were taken to effect the vehicle's release. The United States Mission and the Office of Foreign Missions also registered a complaint with the appropriate officials of the City of New York. The City recognized that the action taken by its officials in this regard was inappropriate. The United States Mission and the Office of Foreign Missions have been assured that corrective action has been taken to avoid such incidents in the future.

The United States Mission regrets any inconvenience caused as a result of the action of representatives of the City.